



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Freidman *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/040,375

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For: **Apparatus for Transferring and
Loading a Reticle with a Robotic
End Effector**

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Examiner: D. Underwood

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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed **August 16, 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.